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FOR INSPECTOR GENERAL FROM EALG

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(B) MANILA 5042 OF 7 NOV 1966
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(E) MANILA 10682 OF 6 SEPTEMBER 1974
(F) MANILA 315 OF 9 JANUARY 1975
(G) LETTER FEINSTEIN TO MCDONNELL (OPR/WLG)
OF 13 FEBRUARY 1975

1. PLEASE REVIEW REFERENCES FOR EMBASSY VIEWS OF EALG INEFFECTIVE-
NESS. EMBASSY HAS BEEN URGING ABOLISHMENT EALG AND TRANSFER
FUNCTIONS TO WLG FOR TEN YEARS. ANSWERS TO SPECIFIC QUESTIONS
REFTEL A FOLLOW.

2. EALG RECEIVES POST E AND E PLANS BUT FORWARDS THEM WITHOUT
REVIEW BO TLG. UPON RECEIPT OF REPRODUCED COPIES, EMBASSY DIS-
TRIBUTES THROUGH CINCPACREPHIL. MILITARY COORDINATION PERFORMED
BY PLANS OFFICE CINCPACREPHIL AT SUBIC BAY.

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3. PLANS RECEIVED ARE FORWARDED TO WLG WITHOUT ANY DELAY WHATEVER

SINCE REVIEW NOT UNDERTAKEN.

4. EALG HAS NOT TAKEN ACTIVE ROLE SINCE ABOLITION SPECIFIC POSITIONS PROVIDED FOR THIS PURPOSE IN 1965. FILE OF F-77 REPORTS ARE MAINTAINED ON CURRENT BASIS TO EXTENT RECEIVED, BUT CHECKS NOT MADE TO ASSURE REGULAR REPORTING.

5. EALG HAS HAD NO ROLE RE FUNCTIONING OF PLO'S. CINCPACREPHIL HAS PROVIDED ALL SUPPORT FOR THIS ACTIVITY.

6. SUPPORT FROM WLG HAS BEEN MINIMAL. WE HAVE ORDINARILY BEEN UNABLE TO OBTAIN REPLIES TO QUERIES TO WLG AND RECEIVE NO GUIDANCE FROM THEM. OUR ASSUMPTION IS THAT THIS IS BECUASE WLG IS UNDERSTAFFED.

7. MILITARY HAS BEEN IN AGREEMENT THAT EALG HAS NOT FUNCTIONED AS INTENDED SINCE 1965 AND THAT SYSTEM NEEDS DRASTIC REVISION EITHER AS RECOMMENDED BY EMBASSY OR BY RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF EMBASSY POSITIONS FOR THIS SPECIFIC PURPOSE.

8. EALG HAS OFFERED NO E&E GUIDANCE OR HELP TO POSTS FOR YEARS.

9. FOR PAST FEW YEARS, EMBASSY HAS DEVOTED PERHAPS FIVE PERCENT OF TIME OF ONE OFFICER AND ONE SECRETARY TO EALG WORK, IF THAT MUCH. TO DO JOB PROPERLY WOULD REQUIRE FULL-TIME MID-LEVEL OFFICER AND FULL-TIME SECRETARY, PLUS APPRECIABLE TRAVEL FUNDS. HOWEVER, BELIEVE RESULTS WOULD NOT WARRANT THIS EXPENSE, AND THAT RECOMMENDATION TO TRANSFER ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS TO WLG IS MOST SATISFACTORY AND SENSIBLE SOLUTION.

10. E&E SYSTEM PROVIDES A VITAL MEANS FOR PLANNING FOR EMERGENCIES. HOWEVER, SUSTEM AS MANNED AND EXECUTED IN THE PAST DID NOT FUNCTION AS INTENDED. BELIEVE MUST DEVOTE SUFFICIENT MANPOWER AND RESOURCES TO ASSURE REVIEW OF POST PLANS FOR CURRENCY AND ADEQUACY INCLUDING PERIODIC VISITS TO POSTS BY EXPERTS FOR ON-THE-SPOT GUIDANCE.
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